



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, July 18, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-3359)

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Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby and Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

Excused: Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (12-3237)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the July 11, 2012 Minutes. (12-3239)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, unanimously carried, the minutes of July 11, 2012 were approved with the following correction:

- **On Page 3, Agenda Item No. 6, should read "...the fire extinguisher needed to be serviced..."**

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II. REPORTS

2. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Department of Auditor-Controller
- Department of Children and Family Services
- Internal Services Department
- Department of Mental Health
- Probation Department
- Sheriff's Department (12-3240)

Auditor-Controller (AC)

Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies of the report on Group Home Hotline Call Activity for the month of June as follows:

- Total phone calls - 11
- Referrals - 9
- Personal complaint - 1

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

There was no representative present for this meeting.

Internal Services Department (ISD)

Mr. William Kiriama, Manager II, Maintenance Operations Division, ISD, reported that the roof at Los Padrinos was completed on May 10, 2012.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

There was no representative present for this meeting.

Probation Department (PD)

Ms. Lisa Campbell-Motten, Director of Placement Permanency & QA of PD, reported on the status of Absent With Out Leave (AWOL) incidents for the month of June 2012 as follows:

- **146 AWOLS**
 - **114 youth**
 - **59 remain AWOL**
 - **16 returned to group home**

- 33 went to juvenile hall
 - 1 termed out
 - 5 suitable placements
- **Outstanding AWOL's Detained in June 2012**
 - 130 youth detained on an outstanding bench warrant
 - 8 remain detained in juvenile hall
 - 5 suitable placements

Further, she reported the investigations for June 2012 as follows:

- **2 child abuse referrals**
 - 1 substantiated for sexual abuse
 - 1 unfounded for general neglect
- **6 Group Home Investigations**
 - 2 were substantiated
 - 2 unfounded
 - 2 pending
- **Group Home Compliance Monitoring Report**
 - 6 posted
 - 8 in various stages of approval
 - 5 in progress
 - 4 remain in review
- **Permanency Placement**
 - 4 potential adoptions
 - 5 potential legal guardianships

Sheriff's Department

Chairperson Montano advised Commander Cooper that July 12, 2012, the Commission conducted an inspection of the Men's Central Jail. Chair Montano expressed that they were not pleased with their visit to the Diabetic Ward, Room 8030. All the Commissioners who visited the jail concurred that the ward was in complete disarray. Some of the concerns expressed included; the toilet that had been broken for three months, the sink was rigged with a cup and a string that the inmates could use as a potential weapon; the ceiling was covered with newspapers. In addition, inmates were crammed together because the

room was overcrowded and the inmates complained that they do not receive enough medication and exercise.

Commander Cooper responded that security maintenance should have assigned trustees to keep the premises clean and conduct repairs. He also clarified that the inmates are not allowed to bring their prescriptions with them; however, a medical doctor is assigned to review all prescriptions and administer generic medication to inmates. Commander Cooper assured the Commission that he will address the issues with the Jail Captain and will report back to the Commission at the next business meeting.

Commander Asmus informed the Commission that the tunnel for the Long Beach Courthouse will not be built. He also reported that the contract agreement between the Internal Services Department and the Sheriff's Department, to provide a 24-hour bio hazardous clean-up service has been finalized.

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3. Chairperson's Report on Various items for July 18, 2012. (12-3241)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles with the Commissioners:

Los Angeles Times:

- County Acts to Handle Inmate Influx (July 10, 2012)
- County Seeks Place to Move Inmates (July 10, 2012)
- Jailer Denies Role in Inmate Abuse (July 10, 2012)
- Jailhouse Captain Speaks Publicly on Allegations (July 10, 2012)
- Punishing Parents, Unfairly (July 10, 2012)
- Sheriff Baca's Badges (July 12, 2012)
- Baca's Defense (July 13, 2012)
- Undersheriff expands on Gray Area (July 18, 2012)
- Baca's Top Aide Explains Views (July 18, 2012)

Daily Breeze:

- Legal Challenges Grow for County Sheriff Baca (July 15, 2012)

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4. Treasurer's Report for July 18, 2012. (12-3242)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$511.58.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for July 18, 2012. (12-3243)

Ms. Famuyiwa shared an email from one of the 2011 SBC Scholarship recipients, Talitha James, informing the Commission that she was recently placed in a permanent internship position with the United States Senate Finance Committee in Washington D.C. She will be working as a research associate with the health team for one year. The Commissioners were pleased to hear about her progress thus far.

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on July 18, 2012. (12-3244)

There was no report given.

Chairperson Montano distributed to the Commissioners copies of the contract compliance monitoring review reports that were submitted by the Department of Children and Family Services. The Commissioners are to review the reports and conduct follow-up inspections where necessary.

7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from July 12, 2012 to July 17, 2012. (12-3245)

During the reporting period the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montano and Commissioner Andrews visited Lakewood Sheriff Station on July 16, 2012.

During the reporting period the following Group Home/Facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montano, Vice Chairperson Bacio, and Commissioners Bigby, Grills, and Andrews visited the Men's Central Jail and cited the following conditions in the diabetic ward located in room 8030:

- **The environment was unsanitary**
- **There was no good ventilation**
- **The phone was not working**
- **The shower curtains needs replacement**

- The ceiling was covered in newspapers
- The toilet was broken
- The sink was broken and hazardous
- The inmates stated they are suffering from lack of medication and exercise

Commissioner Bigby visited Life Circles Group Home - Page 24 #4, on July 13, 2012 and reported the following:

- The bricks on the patio needs to be repaired
- The family room and bedrooms need new carpet
- New dressers are needed
- The earthquake supply kit was disorganized
- There was no matching linen
- No life books
- The door in the hallway needs to be repaired

Commissioner Bigby recommended that a laptop and patio furniture should be purchased by the group home. She will return in 30 days to make sure corrective measures have been taken.

III. DISCUSSION

8. Los Angeles County Sheriff contracts with Central Valley Sheriff to reduce jail overflow. (12-3303)

Commander Cooper stated that the Sheriff's Department is in the process of negotiating contracts with several community corrections/private facilities that have contracted with the State for the past 10 years. Since the contract is coming to an end, the Sheriff's Department is searching for alternative facilities that can possibly accommodate up to 500 inmates each. Additionally, he stated that another possibility would be to utilize fire camps and partner with Probation Department to house inmates that have been in the internal rehabilitation program and AB109 inmates. He further stated they are also considering allowing the AB109 inmates to enter into a community rehabilitation center, which has opened up to 2000 beds, to serve the remainder of their sentence.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

9. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-3246)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-3247)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of July 18, 2012. (12-3248)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.